

Sub C1
1. (Twice Amended) A karabiner comprising a generally C-shaped body having free ends curved towards each other and forming a gap therebetween, and a gate for closing the gap, the gate being formed of a wire member shaped and located on one free end of the body, such that the gate is constrained to close the gap and an other free end of the body having a slot for receiving a shaped end of the gate,

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wherein the gate is formed by the wire that is bent double and has each free end further bent inwards towards the other to locate in a different hole on opposite sides of the one free end of the body, one hole being above the other, and

wherein from the one free end of the body, the two strands of the wire are bent towards each other to approximately a mid-point of the gate until they overlap in a plane of the body.

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7. (Twice Amended) A karabiner comprising a generally C-shaped body having free ends curved towards each other and forming a gap therebetween, and a gate for closing the gap, the gate being formed of a wire member shaped and located on one free end of the body, such that the gate is constrained to close the gap and an other free end of the body having a slot for receiving a shaped end of the gate,

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wherein the gate is formed by the wire that is bent double and has each free end further bent inwards towards the other to locate in a different hole on opposite sides of the one free end of the body, one hole being above the other, and

wherein a loop formed where the wire is bent double has a shaped nut that can locate in the slot of the other free end of the body.

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9. (Twice Amended) A karabiner comprising a generally C-shaped body having free ends curved towards each other and forming a gap therebetween, and a gate for closing the gap, the gate being formed of a wire member shaped and located on one free

~~end of the body, such that the gate is constrained to close the gap and an other free end of the body having a slot for receiving a shaped end of the gate,~~

~~wherein the slot has from the other end of the body a first narrow part to accommodate the wire gate leading to a wider second part to accommodate the shaped end of the gate.~~

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15. (Twice Amended) A karabiner comprising a generally C-shaped body having free ends curved towards each other and forming a gap therebetween, and a gate for closing the gap, the gate being formed of a wire member shaped and located on one free end of the body, such that the gate is constrained to close the gap and an other free end of the body having a slot for receiving a shaped end of the gate,

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wherein one of the gate and the other end of the body carry additional locking means for when the gate is closed, and

wherein a locking ring is mounted rotatably on the other end of the body, the ring having a slot therein, whereby in one position the gate can pass through the slot of the ring for its shaped end to locate in the slot of the other end of the body and then by rotating the ring, the slot therein is no longer accessible to the gate.

17. (Twice Amended) A karabiner comprising a generally C-shaped body having free ends curved towards each other and forming a gap therebetween, and a gate for closing the gap, the gate being formed of a wire member shaped and located on one free end of the body, such that the gate is constrained to close the gap and an other free end of the body having a slot for receiving a shaped end of the gate,

wherein one of the gate and the other end of the body carry additional locking means for when the gate is closed,

wherein the gate is provided with a slidable locking member, and

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wherein the locking member is slidable upwards when the gate is closed, the locking member having a finger that extends over the opposite side of the body to that of the slot opening to prevent the gate being pushed open.

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19. (Twice Amended) A karabiner comprising a generally C-shaped body having free ends curved towards each other and forming a gap therebetween, and a gate for closing the gap, the gate being formed of a wire member shaped and located on one free end of the body, such that the gate is constrained to close the gap and an other free end of the body having a slot for receiving a shaped end of the gate, and

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having a locking pin that is insertable through the other free end of the body of the karabiner and into or through the end of the gate to prevent it being pushed open,

wherein one of the gate and the other end of the body carry additional locking means for when the gate is closed, and

wherein the locking pin is on a flexible or spring-biased tab attached to the gate.

20. (Twice Amended) A karabiner comprising a generally C-shaped body having free ends curved towards each other and forming a gap therebetween, and a gate for closing the gap, the gate being formed of a wire member shaped and located on one free end of the body, such that the gate is constrained to close the gap and an other free end of the body having a slot for receiving a shaped end of the gate, and

having a locking pin that is insertable through the other free end of the body of the karabiner and into or through the end of the gate to prevent it being pushed open,

wherein one of the gate and the other end of the body carry additional locking means for when the gate is closed, and

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~~wherein the pin is rotatably mounted in the slot of the other free end of the body between a first position wherein a lip on the end of the pin can pass through a loop of the wire gate and a second position wherein the lip retains the loop of the gate in the slot.~~

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24. (Twice Amended) A karabiner comprising a generally C-shaped body having free ends curved towards each other and forming a gap therebetween and a spring-biased gate for closing the gap located on one free end of the body and the other free end having a wire cage thereon for receiving the gate,

wherein the gate is formed by a wire that is bent double and from the one free end of the body, two strands of the wire are bent towards each other to approximately a mid-point of the gate until they overlap in a plane of the body.

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25. (Twice Amended) A karabiner comprising a generally C-shaped body having free ends curved towards each other and forming a gap therebetween and a spring-biased gate for closing the gap located on one free end of the body and means for locking the gate in a closed position,

wherein the gate is formed by a wire that is bent double and from the one free end of the body, two strands of the wire are bent towards each other to approximately a mid-point of the gate until they overlap in a plane of the body.
